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My dear Sir

The Duke of Devon-
shire has lent me all
his Shakespeares, as well
the first as the later edi-
tions.

I never before had
such an assemblage of
worth in my house

On Sunday Morn-
at 2 o'clk Mr. Anstot is
coming to look over them.
Would you like to meet
him and them? If you

would, & can spare time
it will give me the great-
est pleasure. There is the
Dukes first Hamlet 1603
for which he gave £100 -
his first Romeo & Juliet
1597 - his first Richard III
1597 - his first Othello 1622
&c &c besides the Taming
of a Shrew 1594, for which
he paid £97 - In all, I
have some sixty of his plays
all contributory to my end.

Pray come, for they
are worth looking over
for an hour, I was going
to say, but for a year I

will say.

I have also the first
edit: of Targuin & Lucrece
1594, the third edition
of which lately sold at
Swan's for £97.

Yours sincerely
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